

Local Option.

The board of supervisors, by a very narrow margin, has decided to call a local option election, to be held on Monday, November 1, and for the next five weeks and a half this county will be in the midst of a campaign which, from the movement already being made on both sides, bids fair to be a hot and exciting one towards its close. Facts, undisputed ones, taken from the public records and common experience, will fill the air in many a public hall and on every street corner, both for and against the law, and the press will be demanded on both sides to influence the decision of the voters at the polls.

First, it is well to clarify the atmosphere by a fair acknowledgment on both sides that the arguments are not all in one direction, and then by granting honesty of intentions to those who do not agree with you in the matter, eliminate from the campaign that element of bitterness and personal animosity that is the curse of so many of our public contests.

While we have decided views on the right and wrong of the matter in question, our views are necessarily drawn largely from our own observation and experience, which have been no wider nor more extensive than the observation and experience of thousands of the citizens of Van Buren county. We have every confidence in the good judgment of the people of the county, and, should the majority decide contrary to our views of the matter, we will most cheerfully bow our heads to their will.

At the present time, the Northern-er will not become a partisan either for or against the law. Perhaps, latter in the campaign, we may feel called on to make some biased editorial utterances in the matter. In the meantime, we are perfectly willing, even anxious, to bring the fullest and fairest information possible to the attention of the voters of the county, that an intelligent expression may be had. With that end in view, we invite a free discussion through our columns, both pro and con, and will willingly devote a department each week from the present time until election to the publication of suitable signed articles on each side of the question. We say "suitable," because in this discussion we will permit no billingsgate or personal abuse, but rather the publication of information and honest argument; we say "signed" articles, because our readers are entitled to know the source of the communications and thus judge the weight that should be given them. We will not agree to publish ALL communications that may be sent, because the demand on our space may be too great; but we will promise a fair and equal chance to each side, if they choose to avail themselves of it, and if both parties do not, through the Northern-er, secure the widest possible publicity for their views, it will be their own fault, not ours.

To the voters of the county we have this to say: The local option question is an important one, and is entitled to your serious study and consideration, and then, after your honest conclusion is reached, to your vote. The vote cast should equal the one cast in the general election of a year ago. It is not just or right to either repeal the law or to keep it in force by a half vote. Let every voter turn out, that a fair expression of the people may be had.

As for us, we believe the drinking of liquor to be the sin at which our efforts should be directed. It is that which makes saddened homes, poverty, disgrace and crime. The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is wholly evil. The only question for the voters of Van Buren county to decide is whether less liquor is drunk under local prohibition or under license. The system that causes a decreased use of the stuff is the best system for society, and the financial argument is a minor one, although it will be adduced from different standpoints both for and against the law. When the voter has honestly decided which system curtails drinking to the greatest extent, then he knows where he should cast his vote, regardless of any professed fear of a restriction of "personal liberty" on the one hand, or a sentimental fearfulness of "licensing an evil" on the other. The curtailment of the drink evil is the end to be attained, and the means used will be justified if only the end is attained.

MONEY SAVING SALE

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Broughton's White Store, Paw Paw

BEGINNING

Monday, September 20, and Ending Saturday, October 9, 1897.

Three Weeks of Wonderful Bargains.

FASHION SHEETS, Showing what to wear and how to make it, FREE for the asking.

What one cent will buy.

Good Thread, white or black, all numbers 1 cent a spool.
Good Pins 1 cent a paper.
Martini's Beauty Soap 1 cent a cake.
A regular 5 cent Lead Pencil, with nickel and rubber top, 1 cent each.

Underwear.

Children's Scotch Wool Shirts and Drawers, all sizes, 15 cents.
Men's heavy Scotch Wool Shirts and Drawers, during the sale, 33 cents, worth 50 cents.
Women's Angora lined Union Suits 50 cents, worth 75 cents.
Bargains in all other kinds of warm underwear.

Make Bedding Now.

A choice line of the best Prints at 4 cents a yard.
Good White Batting 3 cents a roll.
A Mammoth Roll of Snow White Batting that weighs a pound for 10 cents.
Snow White shilling Batting for 8 cents a roll.

Hosiery.

Men's Camels Hair Socks, the 25 cent kind, now 15 cents.
Men's Blue Shaker Socks, the 25 cent kind, heavy and warm, now 15 cents.
Women's Fleeced Hose 12½ cents.
Women's Heavy Fleeced Hose 15 cents.
One Hundred Dozen of our Famous 15 cent Hose now 10 cents.
Extra good Black Hose with white feet, now 14c.
Seamless Black Hose, ribbed tops, now 14 cents.
Bargains in all kinds of hosiery.

Carpets.

This is the last chance to buy the Best All Wool Carpets at 50 cents a yard. Carpets have advanced in price, but during this sale we will sell the Best All Wool Ingrains at 50 cents. Patterns and colors all new.

Linens.

Good Brown Table Linen 16 cents a yard.
Good half bleached Table Linen 29 cents.
Better half bleached 60 inch Table Linen 38 cts.
German Table Linen, 2 yards wide, 50 cts a yd.
Grass bleached 62 inch Table Linen 48 cents.
Better quality 66 inches wide, 58 cents a yard.
Snow White bleached Table Linen 54 inches wide 69 cents, worth 90 cents.
Great values in bleached Table Linens at 88 and 98 cents.
Handsome Napkins, full size, at 50 cts, 60 cts, 75 cts, \$1.00, \$1.40, \$1.75 and \$2.00 per doz.
Fringed Napkins 25 cents a dozen.
Good heavy Brown Linen Crash 4 cents.
Better quality of Crash 7, 8, 9 and 10 cents.
Fringed Damask Towels 15 inches wide 32 inches long 10 cents.
Hem Stitched Huck Towels 16 inches wide 28 inches long 10 cents.
Hemmed Huck Towels 18x36, 15 cents.
Huck Towels 42 inches long 20 inches wide, now 18 cents.
Heavy Bath Towels 2 feet wide 5 feet long 25c.
The largest and best 25 cent Fancy Towels ever shown.

Combs.

All our Combs in two lots.
LOT ONE—Worth from 10 to 15 cents, now 5c.
LOT TWO—Extra heavy, long and wide Rubber Combs, also Brass Backed Horn Combs worth from 15 to 25 cts, now 10 cts.

Tooth Brushes.

LOT ONE—The 10 and 12 cent kinds now 5c.
LOT TWO—The 15, 20, 25 cent kinds now 10c.

Blankets.

Good White Blankets 48 cents a pair.
Better ones at 69 and 90 cents \$1.50 and \$2.00.

GINGHAMS 5 cents.

TENNIS FLANNELS 5 cents, worth 7 or 8c.

Ribbons.

All the new Plaid and Roman Stripe Ribbons at Sale Prices.

WE ARE HAVING MADE For us a Beautiful Catalogue of Cloaks, showing the latest styles in all kinds of Wraps. We will mail this book free on application.

Free.

A card of Fast Black Darning Cotton FREE with each purchase of Hosiery.

A thick, heavy Educational Tablet FREE with each purchase of Shoes.

If you want to see the correct thing in Wraps, of any kind, get a copy of our beautiful Cloak Book, sent FREE anywhere for the asking. Send us a postal card with your name and address. The book will be sent you as soon as printed.

A Farmers' and Mechanics' Pocket Memorandum Book FREE for the asking.

PURSES.

12 Kinds worth from 15 to 20 cents now in a lot, your choice for 10 cents.

12 Kinds worth from 30 to 50 cents, your choice during sale 25 cents.

SHOES.

Children's Spring Heel Shoes with tip, 4 to 8, 47c.
Children's Spring Heel Shoes, box calf, 9 to 11, 57c.
Children's Bright Dongola Shoes, 9 to 11, 57c.
Men's Dress Up Shoes, all sizes and styles, \$1.00.
Boys' Light Dress Up Shoes, 3 to 5½, during sale \$1.00.

U. S. Mail Shoes, shoes made for mail carriers, with heavy soles and extension edges, \$1.50.
Police Shoes, made for policemen, broad, heavy, easy soles, now \$2.00.

Boys' Heavy Grain Shoes with thick tap soles, the iron clad kind, never wear out, \$1.50.
Small Boys, same kind, \$1.25.

Children's fine Lace Shoes, patent tip, coin toe, sizes 8 to 11, \$1.00.

Misses' Lace Shoes, same as above, 12 to 2, \$1.25.
Women's fine Dress Shoes worth \$1.75, during sale \$1.40.

Women's fine Dress Shoes worth \$2.50, during sale \$1.90.

Women's fine Calf Shoes during sale \$1.90.

Women's Gray Bros. Shoes during sale \$2.75, worth \$3.50.

Children's School Shoes with heavy back stay, Fargo tip and steel heel protection, sizes 12 to 2, now \$1.25.

A Tablet free to each shoe customer. At our last sale we practically sold out our shoe stock. The present stock is new and full of bargains.

DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT.

At our last sale we practically sold out our Dress Goods stock. Almost everything we have now is new. "Up-to-date," new, desirable Dress Goods have never been offered before at the prices given below.

Fall Suitings in the latest weaves and colors 14 cents.
Illuminated Worsteds 12½ cents.
Wool Serges in best colors 25 cents.
Handsome all wool Novelties worth 40 to 50 cents, now 25 cents.
Figured Mohairs 44 in. wide, worth 50 cents, now 25 cents.
Black Figured Mohair Rep, worth 95 cents, now 49 cents.
Black Figured Mohair worth 90 cents, now 49 cents.
Two-toned Figured Novelties, worth 75 cents to \$1, now 48 cents.
All Wool Serges, 48 in. wide, all colors and black, 49 cents.
All Wool Black Soleil 98 cents, worth \$1.40.
All Wool Henriettas, all the new colors, 42 cents.
Cardinal Henrietta, for wrappers or house jackets, 33c, worth 60c.
French Broad Cloths, 54 in. wide, in New Green, New Brown, New Blue, at 98 cents, worth \$1.50.

Covert Cloths, in the new mixtures, 54 in. wide, 98 cents per yd., Chicago price \$1.50.

All Wool Dress Flannels, 40 in. wide, the 50c kind now 25 cents.

All Wool Black Serge 25 cents.

All Wool Black Serge, 42 in. wide, 38 cents, worth 50 cents.

Better Black Serges, 50 in. wide, now 48 cents.

Black Satin Duchess, thick heavy, wide, now 98 cents.

Black Peau de Soie, the \$1.50 quality now 98 cents.

Black Brocaded Silk for Skirts 78 cents, worth \$1.00.

Black Brocaded Silk 88 cents, worth \$1.25.

Trimming Silks, Waist Silks, in the new weaves and colors.

Roman Stripe Silks and other novelties at bargain prices.

TRIMMINGS—Fashionable trimming braids at 2, 4, 5 cts. a yard.

Jet Trimmings at 5, 6, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25 cents per yard.

Fancy Ribbons in Plaids and Roman Stripes.

Valenciennes Lace, 12 yards for 15 cents.

CAUTION.—Be sure you get in Broughton's. These bargains cannot be had elsewhere. Look for the WHITE FRONT.

BROUGHTON'S WHITE STORE.